

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

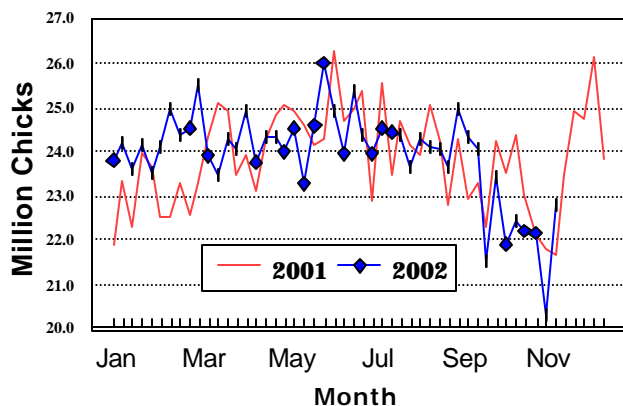
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.8 million during the week ending November 23, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and up 12 percent from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 23, 2002 were 1.1 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 22.5 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

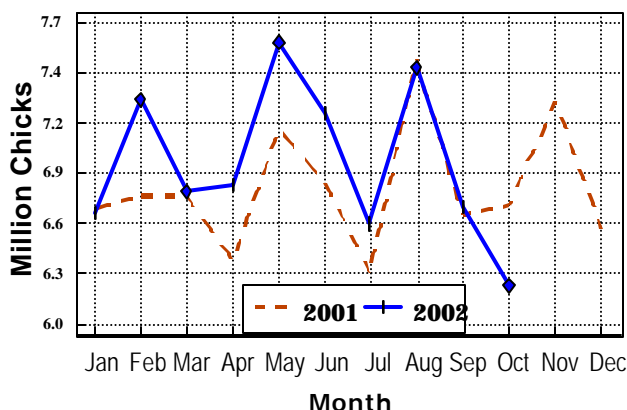
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 23, 2002, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2002, down 7 percent from October 2001.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2001 - 2002**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Oct.	23,536	21,930	93
Oct.	24,413	22,466	92
Nov.	23,027	22,202	96
Nov.	22,127	22,150	100
Nov.	21,833	20,334	93
Nov.	21,689	22,792	105

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
May	7,117	7,597	107
June	6,822	7,206	106
July	6,326	6,602	104
Aug.	7,494	7,449	99
Sep.	6,647	6,691	101
Oct.	6,704	6,265	93

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	%	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	%
Alabama	25,946 *	27,799	27,523	27,694	96	21,211	21,060	20,531	19,883	19,494	19,790	97
ARKANSAS	27,248	28,284	29,119	29,627	97	21,930	22,466	22,202	22,150	20,334	22,792	105
Delaware	3,678	3,480	3,397	3,376	97	4,521	4,637	5,549	5,279	4,245	4,917	96
Florida	2,296	2,137	2,250	2,260	96	2,027	2,017	2,071	1,989	2,270	2,348	93
Georgia	28,366 *	30,267	30,137 *	29,690	97	23,051	23,955	24,000	23,524	21,534 *	22,781	98
Kentucky	5,989	6,223	6,578 *	6,381	100	5,360	5,076	4,511	4,213	4,505	4,812	96
Maryland	9,429	9,917	9,238	9,263	95	5,750	5,861	5,165	5,156	5,965	6,169	108
Mississippi	16,370 *	17,708	17,822	17,771	98	14,650	14,447	14,405	13,844	13,673	13,872	91
N. Carolina	18,187 *	17,754	17,386	18,182	97	13,753	14,065	13,424	12,777	13,951	14,207	99
Oklahoma	5,645	6,508	6,391	6,407	100	3,584	3,135	4,378	4,142	3,895	3,269	76
Pennsylvania	3,447	3,337	3,416	3,642	95	2,473	2,712	2,454	2,287	2,455	2,580	106
S. Carolina	4,622	4,659	4,709	4,415	95	3,575	4,145	3,579	3,795	3,510	3,684	98
Texas	14,487	15,243	14,762	15,227	104	11,894	11,386	11,093	10,418	10,040	11,624	104
Virginia	5,532	6,013	6,105	6,224	96	5,401	4,487	5,019	4,717	4,297	4,444	94
CALAMO,TN,WV	18,524	19,067 *	19,203 *	19,354	95	16,120	17,097	16,765	17,347 *	17,366 *	17,269	92
Total 2002	189,766 *	198,396 *	198,036 *	199,513		155,300	156,546	155,146	151,521 *	147,534 *	154,558	
Total 2001	196,299	204,751	205,712	205,396		163,474	165,891	159,933	153,671	150,878	158,581	
% Prev. Year	97	97	96	97		95	94	97	99	98	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002-2003.....						07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 200 million eggs during the week ending November 23, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 23, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 23, 2002 were 7.84 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.